being. A Baba who was, above all, human. More human than I, as I realised in his presence, because I was not above games of the mind.

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duction and turned into large farms growing tomatoes and other goods for export to the US. People leaving the land have flocked into Mexico City, the most over-populated city in the world, and they have to be fed — with US wheat.

The logic of the food global marketplace means that countries are encouraged to specialise in crops for sale abroad. The money they earn is meant to provide capital for 'development'. What happens all too often is that the price for a commodity, such as sugar, falls. The country goes into debt. Any subsequent income is re-exported to service the debt. And food production for local people falters as the cycle gathers momentum and resources are diverted to export crops.

The pattern was familiar to me by the time I went to stay in Malaysia in the early 1980s. Export crops in this case rubber and oil palm, took up much of the land. As a result rice, the main cereal, has to be imported. Yet, for all that, Malaysia has one of the richest and most diverse cuisines in the world.

All the same, my first experience of a Malaysian meal was not auspicious. We visited the parents of a woman we had met on the plane. A friend and I sat in the front room and talked with the father. The

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